

TASK FORCE ON THE
ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION
OF DONALD J. TRUMP

INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Butler, PA

The interview in the above matter was held in
person, commencing at 4:10 p.m.

APPEARANCES :

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For the Minority Counsel:

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For the Witness:

[REDACTED], Esquire

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1 [REDACTED]: Today is September 12th,
2 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED].

4 House Resolution 1367 directed this Task
5 Force to investigate the facts and circumstances of
6 the attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on
7 July 13th, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania. Pursuant
8 to House Resolution 1367, Chairman Kelly and
9 Ranking Member Crow have requested this interview
10 as part of the Task Force investigation.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q. Can the witness please state their name and
13 spell their last name for the record.

14 A. [REDACTED].

15 Q. Thank you, [REDACTED].

16 My name is [REDACTED], and I'm a Senior
17 Counsel with the Task Force Majority Staff. I want
18 to thank you for coming in today for this
19 interview. The Task Force recognizes and
20 appreciates that you are here voluntarily.

21 You are allowed to have an attorney
22 present to advise you during this interview. Do
23 you have an attorney representing you in a personal
24 capacity present with you today?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 [REDACTED]: Will the Counsel please
2 identify themselves for the record.

3 [REDACTED]: Yes. My name is [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]. Last name is spelled [REDACTED].

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q. Is there also an attorney representing the
7 Zelienople Borough here today?

8 A. There is not.

9 [REDACTED]: Next, starting with Majority
10 and then Minority, can the additional staff members
11 please introduce themselves with their name, title,
12 and affiliation.

13 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED],
14 Senior Counsel, Task Force Majority.

15 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED],
16 Investigative Counsel, Task Force Minority.

17 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], Task Force
18 Minority, also Investigative Counsel.

19 [REDACTED]: Thank you, all.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q. [REDACTED], before we begin, I would like
22 to go over the ground rules for this interview.

23 The way this interview will proceed is
24 as follows: The Majority and Minority Staff will
25 alternate asking you questions, 30 minutes per side

per round until each sides is finished their questioning. The Majority Staff will begin and proceed for 30 minutes, and then the Minority Staff will have 30 minutes to ask questions. We will then alternate back and forth in this manner until both sides have no more questions.

Do you understand?

A. Yes.

Q. If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to end a few minutes past an hour to ensure completion of that specific line of questioning, including any pertinent follow-ups. In this interview, while one member of the staff for each side may lead the questioning, additional staff may ask questions.

There is a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to make a written record of the interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the staffer questioning you finishes each question before you begin your answer and the staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next question.

Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, speak clearly,

1 concisely, and slowly. Also, the court reporter
2 cannot record non-verbal answers such as nodding or
3 shaking your head; so, it's important that you
4 answer each question with an audible, verbal
5 answer.

6 Do you understand?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. We want you to answer our questions in the
9 most complete and truthful manner possible; so we
10 will take our time. If you have any questions or
11 do not fully understand the question, please let us
12 know. We will attempt to clarify, add context to,
13 or rephrase our questions.

14 Do you understand?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. If we ask about specific conversations or
17 events in the past and you are unable to recall the
18 exact words or details, you should testify to the
19 substance of those conversations or events to the
20 best of your recollection. If you recall only part
21 of the conversation or event, you should give us
22 your best recollection of those events or parts of
23 conversations that you do recall.

24 Do you understand?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Although you are here voluntarily and we
2 will not swear you in, you are required pursuant to
3 18 U.S. Code Section 1001 to answer questions from
4 Congress truthfully. This also applies to
5 questions posed by congressional staff in an
6 interview.

7 Do you understand?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. If at any time you knowingly make false
10 statements, you could be subject to criminal
11 prosecution.

12 Do you understand?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Is there any reason you are unable to
15 provide testimony at today's interview?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Please note that if you wish to assert a
18 privilege over any statement today, that assertion
19 must comply with the Rules of the U.S. House of
20 Representatives. For the Chair to consider
21 assertions of privilege over testimony or
22 statements, witnesses or entities must clearly
23 state the specific privilege being asserted and the
24 reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled
25 date of testimony or appearance.

1 Do you understand?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Finally, I would like to note the content
4 of what we discuss today is confidential. We ask
5 that you do not speak about what we discuss here
6 today in this interview to any outside individual
7 in order to preserve the integrity of the
8 investigation.

9 For these same reasons, the marked
10 exhibits used today will be provided to the court
11 reporter so they may go into the official
12 transcript, and any copies of those exhibits will
13 be returned to us when we wrap up.

14 We plan to take a five-minute break at
15 the end of each 30 minutes of questioning, but if
16 you need a longer break or a break before that,
17 please let us know, and we are happy to
18 accommodate. However, to the extent that there is
19 a pending question, we would ask that you finish
20 the question before we take a break.

21 Do you understand?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you have any other questions before we
24 begin?

25 A. No.

1 [REDACTED]: It is now 4:15. The
2 Majority Staff will now begin its questioning.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q. [REDACTED], as an initial matter, can you
5 outlay for us your job description and explain to
6 us the delineation between the Zelienople Borough
7 and the Butler Emergency Services Unit.

8 A. Yeah. With Butler County ESU, I'm deputy
9 commander. I am number two under the commander, [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]. My job description is just simply to assist
11 him in any jobs that he's working on or he
12 delegates to me.

13 I am employed through Zelienople Police
14 Department, Zelienople Borough, and I am on Butler
15 County ESU through that agency.

16 Q. Thank you, sir.

17 On July 13th, in what capacity were you
18 working for, Butler ESU or Zelienople Police
19 Department?

20 A. On July 13th, I was there with Butler
21 County ESU as the deputy commander.

22 Q. When did you first learn about the July
23 13th event?

24 A. My initial notification was on July 5th.

25 Q. And how did you receive that --

1 A. I received a --

2 Q. -- information?

3 A. I received a text message from Butler
4 County ESU Bravo Squad Leader [REDACTED].

5 [REDACTED]: I would like to introduce
6 Majority Exhibit 1 into the record.

7 (Majority Exhibit No. 1 was marked for
8 identification.)

9 Q. Do you recognize this document?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. This document is titled "Butler ESU
12 Presidential Rally Detail Overview of Planning
13 Operation." It lists a time line and maps
14 summarizing the events of July 13th.

15 So, on July 5th, you received a text
16 message that there will be a rally. Can you walk
17 us through the next steps after you received that
18 text message.

19 A. The next steps -- the next steps
20 immediately after that message that I received
21 about the rally was it was simply a -- a question
22 from Squad Leader [REDACTED] of who would be
23 able to attend an initial rally briefing that was
24 going to be later held on July 8th.

25 Q. Uh-huh. And did you attend that meeting?

1 A. I did.

2 Q. Do you recall who was present?

3 A. All assisting agencies were present at that
4 meeting.

5 Q. Was the Secret Service at that meeting?

6 A. Yes. They led the meeting.

7 Q. Do you recall who from the Secret Service
8 led that meeting?

9 A. I do. It was Special Agent [REDACTED].

10 Q. And what information was communicated by
11 Special Agent [REDACTED] at that meeting?

12 A. Special Agent [REDACTED], she led the meeting.
13 She -- she started meeting with an I would say
14 about 15-, 20-minute PowerPoint presentation:
15 basic information, their team information, time
16 line of events, different equipment, different
17 assets that they would bring for the day of the
18 event.

19 It was different slides to identify
20 different members throughout the Secret Service and
21 what their duties and what their responsibilities
22 would be on that day. It was, like I said, very
23 simple, very brief, maybe 15 minutes. And from
24 that briefing, we were then directed to, by her, to
25 break off into she called them breakout sessions

with specific roles and responsibilities in different groups of what our job descriptions were going to be on the day of the event.

Q. If you recall, do you remember the different types of breakout groups that existed?

A. Yeah. Well, mine specifically was I was supposed to meet with Allegheny County SWAT team, Pennsylvania State Police SWAT -- CERT, I'm sorry -- Secret Service Counter Assault Team, and I'm missing one here. Yeah. So it was Butler ESU, Pennsylvania CERT, Allegheny County SWAT, and Secret Service. That's all of them. That was my group specifically.

Others were broken down into like Pennsylvania State Police and Butler Township Police were off in their own separate group having their own discussion. Emergency Services, EMA, were off in their own group having their own discussion. It was just specialty groups throughout the room.

Q. Uh-huh. And what was the purpose of your specific breakout group?

A. The purpose of my group was, with the agencies that I identified who were within my group, was it was just a very quick, very short

1 exchange of information of what our roles and
2 responsibilities were going to be for that day.

3 And just, in short, Allegheny County
4 SWAT was responsible for Pittsburgh International
5 Airport. Pennsylvania State Police CERT was
6 responsible for all transportation to and from the
7 airport. Butler County ESU's specific mission was
8 actually given after that breakout group, and we
9 can go into that next step here.

10 Q. Uh-huh.

11 A. But that's -- that's how that went.

12 Q. As a clarifying question, can you explain
13 what Pennsylvania State Police CERT means.

14 A. Yeah. That's how they identified their
15 SWAT team. Allegheny County identifies themselves as
16 SWAT. Pennsylvania CERT, that's their version of
17 saying they're a SWAT team. And then just like
18 with Butler County ESU, that's how we identify
19 each -- each agency.

20 Q. Understood.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. So after that breakout meeting, what --
23 what did you understand what was being tasked of
24 you for the July 13th event?

25 A. From that meeting -- well, very

1 importantly, before I exited that breakout group, I
2 received a piece of paper with a handwritten note
3 on it with a name of a Secret Service agent that I
4 was to make contact with, and his name was [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED], and it provided his phone number.

6 Q. And for what purpose were you receiving
7 that paper with that name?

8 A. That would come after. I left that
9 meeting. I then met with Special Agent [REDACTED] and
10 then Special Agent [REDACTED], and that's when I
11 received our Butler County ESU's mission for the
12 day, the day of the event.

13 Q. What did you understand the Butler County
14 ESU mission to be for July 13th?

15 A. From that meeting, they asked that we
16 provide two CAT teams, counter assault teams, six
17 to eight members on each team, and then one QRF,
18 Quick Reaction Force, of four to six members.

19 Q. Uh-huh.

20 A. And it was basically our -- the way it was
21 explained to me from Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
22 was the CAT teams were responsible to mobilize only
23 in the event that there was going to be an attack
24 on the venue or on the candidate himself, and QRF
25 was just to assist those elements as needed if we

1 were mobilized.

2 Q. Understood.

3 And this communication to you by Special
4 Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] occurred at the
5 July 8th in-person meeting; correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Thank you.

8 [REDACTED]: Were you the only
9 representative from Butler ESU at that July 8th
10 meeting?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 Q. Referring to Majority Exhibit 1, on Page 3
13 it reads that on July 9th at 12:03 hours, Commander
14 [REDACTED] received a phone call from USSS Agent [REDACTED]
15 from the Secret Service Counter Assault Unit.
16 Agent [REDACTED] clarified that he was requesting two
17 counter assault teams of at least six persons for
18 the rally. The counter assault teams would be
19 dedicated solely to the asset in the event of a
20 coordinated assault. [REDACTED] explained that ESU would
21 also provide a QRF that would respond to a lone
22 actor or a lone active shooter at the event in
23 addition to the two counter assault teams.

24 Were you aware of this phone call the
25 day after the July 8 in-person meeting where this

1 similar information was communicated to you?

2 A. Yes. And I was aware of the phone call. I
3 can't say exactly when --

4 Q. Uh-huh.

5 A. -- I was aware of it. But Commander [REDACTED]
6 did -- did give me that information.

7 Q. Uh-huh. After that phone call occurred and
8 you spoke or communicated with Commander [REDACTED], did
9 you understand that your mission for July 13th
10 would change at all?

11 A. At that time, no.

12 Q. Leading up to July 13th, did you attend or
13 participate in any additional walk-throughs or
14 briefings related to the July 13th event?

15 A. Yes. July 11th at 10:00 hours, we did a
16 walk-through of the Butler Farm Show.

17 Q. And who was present at the walk-through of
18 the Butler Farm Show?

19 A. Again, I believe all assist agencies were
20 there as well.

21 Q. Uh-huh. Can you describe what the
22 walk-through entailed in terms of where you
23 traveled on the Butler Farm Show ground that day.

24 A. Yeah. We -- initially, we met at the Brady
25 Paul Lodge, that's off Brady Paul Lane. Like I

1 said, all agencies were there. I would describe it
2 as kind of disorganized, unorganized. Just a large
3 group of agencies from -- members from different
4 agencies kind of just gathering around just waiting
5 for some direction.

6 Commander [REDACTED] and I had a brief
7 discussion with Special Agent [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and
8 [REDACTED]. I do believe Commander [REDACTED] did have an
9 extended discussion with them beyond my initial
10 discussion. Of what that was, I don't know.

11 And, again, from there, I just was
12 advised by [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] that --
13 about the counter assault teams and the positioning
14 of the teams and, again, what the responsibility
15 were of the teams.

16 Q. At the time of that walk-through, had you
17 had communications with [REDACTED] from the Secret
18 Service who you received contact information about
19 at that earlier meeting on July 8th?

20 A. At that time, at the walk-through --

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. -- at 10:00? No.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. I will -- later in that day, I received
25 information from Special Agent [REDACTED], but that was

communicated through [REDACTED]. It was a few hours after, if that's where you're going.

Q. Yes.

A. Okay.

Q. So, I believe around 1:30 in the afternoon, on Majority Exhibit 1, there's a time stamp description of 13:23 hours. It reads, Commander [REDACTED] received another phone call from SA [REDACTED] and confirmed my understanding of the counter assault team request. Special Agent [REDACTED] also asked if we could assign an operator to his team, which consists of two Secret Service counter assault operators, to ensure continuity of communications. [REDACTED] confirmed that we would do so, and we discussed how and where our operator would link up with the counter assault team arriving with the motorcade. [REDACTED] also provided SA [REDACTED] with the contact information of our operator, Deputy Commander [REDACTED], who he would be linking up with.

A. Let me see here. Got it. Okay. I'm -- I got it.

Q. Thank you.

A. Yep.

Q. After that phone call from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], did you receive an update on your responsibilities for

the July 13th event?

A. Yes, sir, I did. That was -- at that time, we were -- that was -- we left the rally site from the initial walk-through, we went to Butler Township's police station. We were just planning operations for the day of the event, and I -- I do recall Commander [REDACTED] taking that phone call, and then after the phone call, him looking over at me and saying, "Hey, you are now assigned with the counter assault team. There will be two members, and they will make contact with you the day of the event and they explained your assignment that day."

Q. Did Commander [REDACTED] explain the communications element that was discussed in that phone call, according to Majority Exhibit 1?

A. Yes, he did. Yeah, he told me I would be -- he briefly explained that I would just be a direct link from Butler ESU to Secret Service counter assault.

Q. On the day of July 13th, there was a local law enforcement meeting at Brady Paul. Looking at Majority Exhibit 1, that occurred at July -- that occurred at 9:30 hours.

[REDACTED], can you briefly explain what "tactical assets" mean.

1 A. Tactical assets in our -- our line of work
2 is -- that could be a range from individual
3 operators, police officers. And assets as far as
4 vehicles we might use, any type of equipment we
5 might use, any type of communications we might use.
6 That's how I would describe "assets."

7 Q. Okay. At 9:30 hours on Majority Exhibit 1,
8 it reads that the operational plan was changed at
9 the briefing as Beaver County ESU was able to
10 supply more tactical operators than previously
11 expected. This resulted in Washington Regional
12 SWAT operators being moved to assist with the QRF
13 instead of Beaver's ESU counter assault team.

14 Did this operational change affect your
15 responsibilities on July 13th?

16 A. Mine specifically?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. No, it did not.

19 Q. At that meeting in the morning at 9:30,
20 were any concerns raised about the campaign rally
21 site or any concerns about the plan for that day?

22 A. No, there were no concerns. And I -- I
23 specifically remember at the end of our -- once the
24 brief was delivered by [REDACTED], I forced a
25 team leader meeting separate from the initial

1 briefing to ensure that everybody clearly
2 understood their job responsibilities and their
3 mission.

4 We did that, and, again, it went without
5 question, to the best of my knowledge.

6 Q. Uh-huh. I would like to enter another
7 exhibit into the record. This will be Majority
8 Exhibit 2.

9 (Majority Exhibit No. 2 was marked for
10 identification.)

11 Q. Do you recognize this document?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. This document reads, "Butler ESU Donald J.
14 Trump Detail." Can you describe this document for
15 us and what purpose it served for July 13th.

16 A. Yeah. This document here is just -- it's
17 our operational brief for the event, and then it
18 just simply within contains all information, all
19 job responsibilities, and all missions that all
20 members were responsible for.

21 Q. Did you have a role in preparing this
22 document?

23 A. I did not prepare this document, but I
24 reviewed it prior to it being pushed out to the
25 entire group, yes.

Q. And when was this document disseminated to other members of Butler ESU and law enforcement entities?

A. It was -- one second here. Can I have a second here?

Q. Of course.

A. All right. It's on 7/12/2024 at 23:42 hours, got an e-mail from Commander [REDACTED]. He sent this (indicating) operational plan to Deputy Commander [REDACTED] and Team Leader [REDACTED].

Q. Thank you. On Page 7 of the Majority Exhibit 2, Butler ESU Donald J. Trump Detail PowerPoint, there's a section that's labeled "Execution."

A. Okay.

Q. And it describes the location of Butler County ESU counter assault team and QRF team. It looks like this (indicating).

[REDACTED]: I'm showing the picture.

[REDACTED]: Do you want me to give him mine?

[REDACTED]: Yes.

[REDACTED]: It's easier. It's numbered.

THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah. This isn't

1 numbered here. All right. I got it.

2 [REDACTED]: You can keep this one.

3 THE WITNESS: Keep it?

4 [REDACTED]: Yeah. It's numbered.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q. Can you describe where you were located on
7 this map.

8 A. Yeah. If you're looking at the map here,
9 just as you're looking at it, I was directly behind
10 where the main stage was in the white barn, and
11 it's the white barn above where it's "BUTLER ESU"
12 highlighted in yellow.

13 Q. So by right above that barn, do you mean
14 behind the barn?

15 A. Directly behind the barn.

16 Q. Thank you.

17 And how many operators from Butler ESU
18 were behind the barn with you on July 13th?

19 A. Behind the barn on July 13th?
20 Approximately, I would say there was 15, 16 Butler
21 ESU members behind there.

22 Q. Is that a combination of the counter
23 assault team and quick reaction team?

24 A. There was -- it was a mix of the counter
25 assault team with the QRF team mixed within that,

1 and then there were also tactical medicine officers
2 in and about that area also. Probably 3, 4, maybe
3 5. That's separate from that 16 number I gave you.

4 Q. Uh-huh. And what was your responsibility
5 with that group that day?

6 A. My responsibility with that group that day
7 was just to stand by with them. Again, in case
8 there was some type of an attack or some type of
9 coordinated attack or event on the venue itself, we
10 were, again, to mobilize.

11 I knew that a -- that a specific -- that
12 at a certain time during that day of the event, I
13 was going to break off from that group, and I had a
14 separate job description. I would have a separate
15 job description at that time.

16 From the 11:00 hour until that time, we
17 just gathered around, remained in our equipment, in
18 our gear. We went over different contingencies and
19 different responsibilities we might have if certain
20 things would happen, and that's common what we do
21 when we stand by.

22 Q. Uh-huh. And you mentioned you would break
23 off from that group at a time during the day and
24 pursue another responsibility. Can you describe
25 that for us.

1 A. Yeah. Again, I was directed by Commander
2 [REDACTED] that Special Agent CAT Team Leader [REDACTED]
3 will contact me that day by my cell -- using my
4 cell phone, and at that time, he would instruct me
5 where to position myself in relation to where the
6 motorcade was going to enter the rally site.

7 Q. Uh-huh. Upon the entering of the motorcade
8 into the campaign rally site, what would -- what
9 responsibilities would you assume?

10 A. My initial instructions were to position
11 myself between the main stage and the holding tent
12 that they were going to bring the candidate --
13 place the candidate into, and he very -- he
14 strongly suggested that he wanted me out of sight.
15 He wanted me out of view of the motorcade.

16 And then once the motorcade was in
17 place, once the candidate was inside the holding
18 tent, he would then make contact with me in person.

19 Q. Okay. Do you recall about what time you
20 made first contact with the Secret Service on July
21 13th?

22 A. With Special Agent [REDACTED]?

23 Q. Secret Service. Any official from Secret
24 Service.

25 A. I had contact after the 11:00 hour with

Special Agent [REDACTED]. She did report to the -- to the barn behind the main stage where the CAT team was positioned, and I don't -- I don't truly understand what she was doing other than maybe just getting her eyes on, you know, what assets were in place, where everybody was. I did not talk to her, but I did have -- I did visually see her.

As far as communication with -- with special -- the Secret Service, I -- I received a phone call from Special Agent [REDACTED] at 16:19 hours.

Q. What did you understand Special Agent [REDACTED]'s role to be that day?

A. He was the lead operator for their counter assault team, which was a counter assault team of two Secret Service agents.

Q. Did you expect that there would be more Secret Service counter assault agents there?

A. I guess -- expected anything? I -- no.

Q. Okay. Referring to Majority Exhibit 1, at approximately 17:32 hours, the motorcade arrived at the Butler Farm Show grounds. Approximately ten minutes after that time, 17:42:58 hours, Beaver ESU S/O [REDACTED] reported that there was a younger white male, long hair, lurking around the AGR building.

He was viewed with a rangefinder sighting the stage, and he believed that he was looking up at the S/O units inside the second floor.

lost sight of the male after he walked around the side of the building, and also reported that there was a bicycle with a large backpack sitting next to it near the rear of the building that was not there earlier?

Do you recall hearing the report from Beaver ESU S/O that there was this individual at all on the radios?

A. Yes, sir, I did hear it on the channel I was on.

Q. Were you in proximity to Secret Service at that time?

A. I was not.

Q. Do you recall being in proximity with Secret Service while there were reports of suspicious individuals being radioed over communications for that day?

A. Will you ask me -- ask me that again, please.

Q. Of course. Do you recall being in proximity of Secret Service simultaneously while hearing reports of suspicious individuals at the

1 rally grounds that day?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you recall when you were in proximity
4 with Secret Service?

5 A. My first contact with Secret Service was at
6 17:52 hours.

7 Q. And was that in person or was that over the
8 radio?

9 A. No. That's when I was physically met by
10 Special Agent [REDACTED], and he positioned me inside a
11 black SUV in the motorcade. It was in between
12 the -- the main stage and the barn.

13 Q. And what was the purpose of that
14 positioning?

15 A. Again, he -- I think he wanted to keep me
16 out of sight. They put me in the rear of the SUV.
17 The two special agents that were assigned to the
18 CAT team were still working something outside of
19 the vehicle inside the tent.

20 So I did remain in the vehicle by myself
21 for a period of time, and then at -- at one point,
22 both agents did enter the SUV. All three of us
23 were inside the armored vehicle.

24 Q. Do you recall discussing this suspicious
25 individual with Special Agent [REDACTED]?

1 A. Not in great detail. But I -- we had a
2 discussion of -- overview of the events of the day
3 and how the day was going.

4 I did -- I did communicate to them that
5 there were -- there was some activity outside of
6 the rally site, outside of the perimeter, and I
7 informed them that local -- local police, state
8 police and sheriffs, were working that -- currently
9 working that -- that issue.

10 Q. Do you recall about what time you had that
11 communication?

12 A. It was about the -- that -- that 17:52 hour
13 that we initially met. I -- there wasn't so much
14 of a delay of me communicating to them what was
15 going on for the day.

16 Q. Uh-huh. So, around that time, 17:52, that
17 you're in contact with Special Agent [REDACTED], you were
18 advised to move your location to inside the
19 vehicle; correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And did you remain in that vehicle through
22 the time that shots were fired?

23 A. No. I -- I was outside of the vehicle
24 behind the main stage in a holding tent at the
25 time when shots were fired.

Q. And what was the purpose of your move location then?

A. That was just our position to just to be in a more efficient, better location to react in case of an attack. And like I said, again, it was directly behind the -- the main stage.

Q. Were you advised to move your location from the vehicle to that location near the stage?

A. Yes. I was told to exit. Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both exited the vehicle, and I was to go with them, and I did.

Q. Did they explain what purpose of your movement?

A. As I just stated, it was just to position ourselves to re- -- to have a better position to react in case of an attack.

Q. Okay. Do you recall about what time that occurred?

A. What time we moved?

Q. Yeah.

A. I don't.

[REDACTED]: What were the names of the other Secret Service agents on the CAT team?

THE WITNESS: It was Special Agent [REDACTED] and then Special Agent [REDACTED]. I'm not sure what

his first name was. His last name was [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]: Was it just those two individuals?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

[REDACTED]: We're approaching time for the Majority's first round of questioning, and I'm going to go off the record.

(Discussion was held off the record.)

BY [REDACTED]:

Q. Would you mind just walking us through your background and career, just giving a little bit of a background.

A. Yeah. Background, 17 years in law enforcement total. 13 full-time years currently with the Zelienople Borough Police Department. I was a patrolman for many years. I have been a -- I was a sergeant for 5 years. I've been a lieutenant for 3 months. And I have been on the Butler County ESU team for 8 years now, and I had started as an operator, I was a squad leader, and then I, in my most recent role, as a deputy commander.

Q. Congratulations on your promotion to lieutenant three months ago.

A. Thank you.

Q. Do you have any prior military experience?

1 A. I do. Marine Corps.

2 Q. Marine Corps. How many years?

3 A. Almost six.

4 Q. And what did you for the Marines?

5 A. I did two separate MOSs. I did some motor
6 transport stuff and then some infantry, heavy
7 weapons-type stuff.

8 Q. And were you ever deployed?

9 A. Yes. I was in Iraq in 2005; '05 to '06. I
10 was in Fallujah, Iraq.

11 Q. Fallujah in '05-'06. Thank you for your
12 service.

13 A. Thank you.

14 Q. What is the administrative process to go
15 from your lieutenant position to your position as
16 the PD commander for Butler ESU? Is it an e-mail
17 that is sent? Is there a specific TACON/OPCON
18 shift? Is there kind of a process that you have to
19 follow to be fulfilling those shoes opposed to your
20 current ones?

21 A. Can you ask me that differently? You kind
22 of lost me right in the beginning.

23 Q. No. Absolutely.

24 Is there a specific process that needs
25 to happen every time you go from your lieutenant

1 shoes to your deputy commander shoes, or is it just
2 an e-mail request, your police station approves it,
3 and then you're operating as deputy commander of
4 Butler ESU?

5 A. I'm trying to understand your question. To
6 make it make sense, maybe, the best way to put it
7 is I'm always lieutenant with Zelienople Police
8 Department.

9 Q. Uh-huh.

10 A. I'm always a deputy commander with Butler
11 County ESU.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. There's no, like, off time for either.
14 Does that make sense?

15 Q. That makes complete sense.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. So when you were operating with one, Butler
18 ESU, do you have to get approval to be able to do
19 that, or do you -- is there a system?

20 A. I'm in a position within my police
21 department where I -- I am the one to authorize the
22 permission to do it.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. There's two other members in my police
25 department that are under me that have to go

1 through me to request permission for trainings,
2 different jobs that we do, stuff like that.

3 But I -- I, from my police chief, I make
4 my own decisions on where I go and what I do. I do
5 communicate -- I do communicate with him where I'm
6 at, what I'm doing, though, at all times.

7 Q. Okay. Makes sense.

8 Have you had any experience working
9 other rallies before the 13 July?

10 A. One, in 2020.

11 Q. And what was your role at that rally?

12 A. My role at that time was the same. I was
13 the deputy commander.

14 Q. Do you have experience with other security
15 details?

16 A. No.

17 Q. What is your experience like coordinating
18 with PSP or other federal agencies?

19 A. I've worked with PSP my entire law
20 enforcement career through trainings, through
21 on-the-job experiences.

22 As far as federal agencies, I do have
23 experience working with them. It's -- I would say
24 it's limited compared to the Pennsylvania State
25 Police. I've worked with FBI, the DEA, Secret

Service, Attorney General's Office. I've done a lot of work with them. Or not a lot of work with federal agencies, but some.

Q. Some?

A. Yeah.

Q. Okay. So, turning to the planning of the 13 July event, when Butler ESU says, hey, we're standing up for an event, we need some support from Washington, from Beaver, whoever it might be, who is generally the point of contact for coordinating all of that support?

A. With Butler ESU?

Q. For Butler ESU.

A. Commander [REDACTED].

Q. [REDACTED]?

A. Yes.

Q. So is that process that [REDACTED] sends an e-mail, does he have to go through anybody, or does he just reach out commander to commander and say, we need X support?

A. Well, he reached out to his two assistant commanders and then our team leaders, and then knowing that we needed additional support from two other SWAT teams, he had to go above him, and that -- that was [REDACTED]. He's the Butler

911 coordinator for Butler County. So he couldn't just make that request on his own.

Q. Okay.

A. So --

Q. So [REDACTED] is the individual that coordinates the various entities supporting Butler ESU? He's the one that's --

A. He was the one -- he's the one that has the authority to sort of request the other teams to assist us.

Q. Okay. Do you know, did the U.S. Secret Service know that that authority rested with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

A. I don't know.

Q. Okay. Now, in the op plan provided by Butler, it does say that the radios are provided by county EMA. What is EMA?

A. Just our emergency services group for the county, and they provide, just as it says, the radios and different types of equipment.

Q. And is [REDACTED] also involved with county EMA?

A. He is the lead rep for EMA.

Q. He is? Okay.

Did you or anyone else have to go

1 through a vetting process to be able to support at
2 a presidential rally?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you have input on what your role was
5 going to be for the rally?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did at any point the U.S. Secret Service
8 ask how many members of Butler ESU were available
9 for the July 13th rally?

10 A. Yes. I was asked more than once, and my
11 answer was the same both times. I said,
12 "Approximately 25 members."

13 Q. And how many members of Butler ESU were
14 offered at the end of the day for the rally?

15 A. How many were there that day?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. I don't have a final number, Commander [REDACTED]
18 would, but it was definitely that 25 number.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Minimum.

21 Q. 25 minimum?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How does that compare to the number of
24 individuals deployed for Trump's 2020 visit that
25 you worked?

1 A. From what I remember, we had less in 2020.

2 Q. I understand that you were there for the
3 July 8 meeting. I think I'm clear on that.

4 So, moving to the July 11 walk-through
5 at Butler farm, do you recall whether the
6 participants walked around fences to discuss any
7 vulnerabilities or had conversations that
8 anticipated any security changes?

9 A. During the walk-through, we broke off into
10 different groups. What the other groups did, I
11 don't know. I --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. My group went to the -- to the barn behind
14 the main stage. That's -- that's all I did.

15 Q. Okay. So there was -- with your group,
16 there was no walk-through of the entire farm, it
17 was just straight to the barn for planning?

18 A. It wasn't straight to the barn, but it was
19 to -- it was to a location -- I was with a group of
20 guys that we were looking for positions for the two
21 counter assault teams, and then we -- we noted one
22 position for the -- for the Beaver County team that
23 was by the main entrance, and then the other
24 counter assault team, which was Butler ESU, which
25 was behind the main stage in the barn.

1 Q. Okay. During your time during that July
2 11th walk-through, did you have any security
3 concerns?

4 A. I had a lot of concerns, but I -- that's
5 normal for me.

6 Q. Did you communicate those concerns with
7 anyone?

8 A. I did, yeah. I -- I specifically remember
9 asking about the water tower, and I was just told
10 it was covered. And that's kind of outside of my
11 area of responsibility. I'm not a sniper, I'm not
12 a sniper team leader, I'm not -- I don't have
13 sniper knowledge, so I just -- I leave that up to
14 them to make that plan.

15 Q. Who -- when you communicated that, do you
16 remember what -- who you communicated that to?

17 A. I do. It was Butler County ESU sniper [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]. He works for Butler Township.

19 Q. Did you have any security concerns with
20 where the perimeter was set?

21 A. I did. Yes, I did. It was specifically in
22 the area of the -- there was two -- two fence
23 lines, and then, of course, the -- the AGR building
24 and the water tower beyond that fence line, beyond
25 the perimeter --

1 Q. Uh-huh.

2 A. -- and, again, I was told that Pennsylvania
3 State Police and Butler Township Police would be in
4 that area.

5 Q. Who told you that?

6 A. That was Special Agent [REDACTED].

7 Q. Did you talk to Special Agent [REDACTED] or any
8 other Secret Service about why the decision was
9 made to leave AGR outside of the perimeter?

10 A. No. We didn't -- I didn't go into great
11 detail about it.

12 Q. Do you know, what type of events are
13 typically held at Butler Farm?

14 A. I'm not going to have a great answer
15 because I've never been there prior to that. Some
16 of the guys on the team love going there. I don't
17 -- I think it's like animals and stuff. I don't
18 know.

19 Q. Fair. Fair.

20 Okay. Moving to the op plan, Majority
21 Exhibit 2. Do you know, did the Secret Service at
22 all prior to the event sign off on this op plan?

23 A. Sign off? I don't believe they did.

24 Q. So, turning to Page 4 of Majority Exhibit
25 2, this lays out what Butler County ESU was tasked

1 with. You've walked through what a counter assault
2 team is and how many teams you had and where they
3 were located.

4 Do you -- can you give us an example of
5 when a counter assault team would be deployed.

6 A. I'll give you the example for that day
7 specifically. Our counter assault teams were to
8 deploy their -- their words were mobilize in the
9 event that there was an attack on the venue site or
10 on the candidate.

11 Q. What sort of an attack would have to
12 happen?

13 A. I believe the way it's understood for us,
14 it could be like a lone-wolf-type actor or a --
15 something coordinated between multiple -- multiple
16 people.

17 Q. Okay. So, please correct me if I'm wrong,
18 but my understanding is that the QRF would go for
19 the lone wolf and the counter assault would go for
20 the more coordinated --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- attack; is that correct?

23 A. Yep, correct.

24 Q. It does mention that the counter assault
25 teams are dedicated and will not deviate from their

mission, but potentially the QRF team could deviate from their mission. Do you know why that distinction was made?

A. The way I -- the way -- the easiest way for me to explain the QRF team, you said it exactly, they're just -- they're flexible. They're there to assist all -- all teams needed for -- for -- I mean, that could be anything for just additional operators, additional equipment, communications. That's their -- the QRF team is always flexible. It's not one specific mission.

Q. Okay. Now, as you mentioned earlier, this op plan was finalized and sent out on 12 September [sic]. Between this document that we're looking at and what happened during the brief on the morning of 13 July, what changes were made to the op plan from 12 July to the morning of 13 July?

A. The only changes that I recall were, it was stated earlier, that we -- Beaver ESU provided a few additional operators, and we were just able to place them with the second counter assault team by the -- by the main entrance.

And what that did, that freed up a couple of the operators from Washington that were there to come help with the QRF back behind the

1 main stage.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Really what it did was strengthen our --
4 our mission plan for the day.

5 Q. Do you know why, if additional bodies were
6 available, why the decision wasn't made to send
7 them over to the AGR building? Were you part of
8 any discussion about the possibilities for what to
9 do with those additional bodies?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay. Did anyone from Butler ESU talk
12 about -- and either at the 9 a.m. briefing or at a
13 separate briefing -- the fact that U.S. Secret
14 Service was going to have countersnipers at the
15 event?

16 A. I had no discussions related to that, no.

17 Q. Do you know from this, the Butler ESU op
18 plan, it does refer to the teams as countersniper
19 teams. Do you know why it's "countersniper" as
20 opposed to just "sniper"?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay. Did you -- were you aware that there
25 was going to be multiple command posts on 13 July?

1 A. No.

2 Q. When did you find out that there were
3 multiple command posts?

4 A. The morning of.

5 Q. Morning of. And in your experience, both
6 your long career as law enforcement as well as your
7 military experience, would it be normal to have two
8 command posts during an operation?

9 A. That's not normal operating procedures.

10 Q. Have you ever been part of an operation,
11 either in military experience or law enforcement,
12 where there were two beyond this one?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And in the 2020 rally, do you know, was
15 there one command post or two command posts?

16 A. There was one. I was in it.

17 Q. What time did you arrive at the rally site?

18 A. The day of the event?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. 8:30. 08:30.

21 Q. How -- are you aware of Butler ESU offering
22 the Secret Service any support the morning of July
23 13th -- or the day of July 13th I should say --
24 whether that be equipment, offensive or defensive?

25 A. I know they were offered communication,

1 radios.

2 Q. Were they offered any drone equipment?

3 A. I believe they were. The specifics, I
4 don't have them. But I do remember we made mention
5 of it because we -- we've had our own -- we've used
6 drones ourselves for other operations.

7 Q. Okay. So, the day of July -- the day of
8 the event on July 13th, did you have a radio?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How did you receive your radio?

11 A. It's a radio that's been issued to me
12 through the county for years.

13 Q. Okay. What channel were you on?

14 A. I was on police operations 4 that day.

15 Q. Is that commonly referred to as "ops 4"?

16 A. Ops 4, yes.

17 Q. Were you listening to any other channels
18 throughout the day?

19 A. I was not.

20 Q. In your communications that day, did you
21 use text messages at all?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who were you messaging?

24 A. Other Butler ESU members.

25 Q. Did you use signal?

1 A. I didn't send any messages that day, but I
2 received a few.

3 Q. Did you use e-mail at all?

4 A. I don't recall using e-mail for anything.

5 Q. Do you have FirstNet?

6 A. I do not.

7 Q. At any point on July 13th, did you see any
8 drones?

9 A. I did not.

10 Q. Do you recall where you were between 3:50
11 and 4 p.m.?

12 A. 3:50 and 4 p.m.?

13 Q. Uh-huh.

14 A. I was at the barn.

15 Q. Now, turning attention to kind of the time
16 line of when Secret Service and you connected.

17 So, at 17:52, that was the first time
18 that you connected in person with Secret Service,
19 you were there with Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]; is
20 that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And so at 17:52, you let them know that
23 there was a suspicious person off-site near the AGR
24 building and local police had it handled?

25 A. Yes. That, and then all the events of the

1 day. That wasn't the only --

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. -- information I gave them. I started from
4 the beginning of the day up until then, and just
5 gave them a brief overview of all the different
6 jobs we were working throughout the day.

7 Q. Okay. Was there anything else notable that
8 you let the Secret Service know about in that
9 conversation?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And then at that point, at about 17:52,
12 they asked you to get in the SUV, and so you were
13 in the SUV and they walked back into the tent?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. About how long was the time frame when you
16 were in the SUV and not co-located with them? An
17 approximation is --

18 A. Approximately five minutes.

19 Q. Five minutes?

20 So approximately three minutes before
21 18:00, they get back in the car, and then at what
22 point do you all leave the car to go to the tent?
23 Approximation is fine.

24 A. Approximately another few minutes went by,
25 three to five minutes, from there.

1 Q. Okay. And while you were all in the car
2 together, did you have any discussions about this
3 suspicious person?

4 A. Again, I just gave them a brief overview of
5 what was going on for the day. I gave them just --
6 like I said, just very, very briefly described to
7 them what was going on.

8 Q. And at that time, were you still listening
9 to the ops 4 channel?

10 A. Ops 4, yes.

11 Q. Okay. At any time throughout the day, were
12 you not listening to ops 4?

13 A. I had ops 4 all day.

14 Q. All day. So how does that work as a law
15 enforcement officer if you're having a
16 conversation? Your portable radio is there,
17 constant communication. Are you just very good at
18 multitasking?

19 A. We're wired to. We pick it up. We
20 could -- yes.

21 Q. Okay. So -- but you can hear what's coming
22 through the radio all the time?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you just pick it up and respond if
25 necessary?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. So, prior -- this is going to sound
3 like a little bit of a silly question considering
4 your background and military experience -- but
5 prior to the rally, what did a rangefinder mean to
6 you?

7 A. The first thing that pops into my head,
8 archery hunters use them.

9 Q. Would hearing that someone had a
10 rangefinder alert you to a threat?

11 A. I noted it when I heard it. It --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- made an impression on me.

14 Q. It made an impression. Would that rise to
15 the level where the QRF would have been deployed?
16 Like, at what level would the QRF to go after a
17 lone individual occur?

18 A. That -- just the report of a rangefinder
19 does not deploy our QRF team.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. That would -- that -- the responsibility
22 would lie on local uniformed officers within and
23 outside the perimeter. That would not mobilize our
24 QRF team.

25 Q. Okay. What would an example be of

1 something that would create a situation in which it
2 was appropriate to deploy the QRF team?

3 A. Specifically that day, their -- their
4 mission was to -- to move in the event of a lone
5 wolf. That's how it was described to them.

6 Q. Uh-huh.

7 A. And then they were also tasked to, by the
8 Secret Service, if any aerial drones were in or
9 about the perimeter, non-friendly drones, that they
10 would be killed. That's the terminology they used.
11 When they drop out of the sky, the QRF would be
12 responsible to respond to that location and recover
13 them. That was it for that day.

14 Q. Okay. Do you under -- do you know why -- I
15 assume chain of command, it would have been
16 Commander [REDACTED] that would make the decision of when
17 to deploy the QRF team, or were they given the
18 authority to make that decision on their own?

19 A. No. They would receive that through
20 Commander [REDACTED].

21 Q. Okay. And at any point after 17:52 when
22 you were co-located with the Secret Service, did
23 you have any discussions as to why Former President
24 Trump -- whether or not he was going to be on stage
25 knowing there was a suspicious person? Did you

1 ever discuss that, or were those not discussions
2 that --

3 A. It was never mentioned.

4 Q. Uh-huh. So, you were behind the main stage
5 when you heard shots fired. What was the -- was
6 there anything that was notable to you between
7 17:52 and shots fired that we haven't asked you
8 about?

9 A. The only additional information I would say
10 is from where I was placed in the tent, at the time
11 of shots fired -- just prior to that, I noticed
12 that the two special agents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], were --
13 they were paying attention to their radios too. I
14 don't know what they heard.

15 Like, they didn't -- they couldn't hear
16 what I was hearing, but they were -- their
17 demeanors, their body, they were -- they were
18 paying attention to what was coming through. So
19 they were getting something. I don't know what it
20 was.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Just like I was getting something also,
23 they don't know what it was.

24 Q. Okay. So, when you heard shots fired, can
25 you walk us through what happened after that point.

1 A. Yeah. Shots fired for us, it was the two
2 agents, me behind them. The exit to the tent was
3 on the opposite side of the agents. We immediately
4 responded directly to the stage, and just as
5 discussed prior to us even being in that position,
6 I knew as soon as I stepped outside of the tent was
7 going to be the red catwalk that would lead us up
8 to the main stage.

9 I was told from the time I was in the
10 SUV that I was to pair up with Special Agent [REDACTED] in
11 the event that we had to move, and the three of us
12 exited the tent. Special Agent [REDACTED] and I went left
13 behind the main stage in the bleachers. We came
14 around to the right side to the steps before
15 getting up on stage, and then the other agent came
16 around the opposite way. And that's just a
17 tactical move that we discussed that we would do
18 just for protection of the candidate and the detail
19 members.

20 And I -- shortly after I made it up on
21 stage with the other two agents, I took a knee at
22 the back right corner of the stage. It was
23 communicated to me through ops 4 that the threat
24 was taken care of. I communicated that verbally to
25 a group of agents that were on top of the

1 candidate, and then I was told to get down off of
2 the stage.

3 And then at that time, I just basically
4 cleared and prepared the evacuation route, which I
5 knew that was my job description prior to even
6 deploying. That's what my job was for that day.

7 Q. So, once you got off stage, you cleared and
8 prepared the evacuation route, what happened?

9 A. I had -- I positioned myself between the
10 stage and the motorcade. We waited for the
11 candidate's detail to move him from the stage into
12 the motorcade, the armored vehicles. And then from
13 there, we left.

14 Q. About how long was that from when shots
15 fired to in the motorcade?

16 A. Two, three minutes.

17 Q. So, you got into the motorcade and went
18 with President Trump's detail?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Can you just walk us through kind of
21 your experience once you were in the motorcade.

22 A. Yeah. Again, I was in the backseat of an
23 armored SUV. Special Agent [REDACTED] was driving,
24 Special Agent [REDACTED] was in the front passenger seat,
25 and we were the vehicle directly behind the

1 candidate, and we just provided security from the
2 rally site to Butler Memorial Hospital.

3 Q. What were your actions on the car ride?

4 A. I just sat in the backseat and --

5 Q. Were you talking on ops 4 at all, were you
6 arranging, or were you just letting ops --

7 A. I -- I didn't make any communication until
8 I got to Butler Memorial Hospital.

9 Q. Okay. What did you communicate at that
10 point?

11 A. Once I was at Butler Memorial Hospital, I
12 was directed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and then a
13 Pennsylvania State Police -- one of the team
14 leaders, I don't know his name -- let me back up
15 here.

16 I had -- Special Agent [REDACTED] told me that
17 -- he said -- he asked me to deploy the CAT team to
18 the hospital, and that was to support Pennsylvania
19 State Police in a perimeter, and they also -- the
20 helicopter pad, they needed security set up around
21 that too just as an additional option to evacuate.

22 Q. And so what CAT team arrived? It was the
23 Butler CAT team?

24 A. Yes. CAT team one.

25 Q. CAT team one that was positioned behind the

1 stage --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- during the rally?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. From the hospital, what were -- where did
6 you go?

7 A. From the hospital, we went to Pittsburgh
8 International Airport.

9 Q. Okay. And at what point did you separate
10 from his detail?

11 A. I have 23:09 hours.

12 Q. So, was the stated intent to have you co-
13 located there so you could kind of be the liaison
14 between Butler ESU and Secret Service in an event
15 like something like this happening?

16 A. It was exactly the reason I was positioned
17 with them. It was just to assist in communicating
18 with evacuating the candidate and his detail in
19 case there was an attack. It was -- it was
20 ironically the exact mission I was given.

21 Q. And when was that mission, that exact
22 mission, communicated to you?

23 A. Initially, it was given to me by Commander
24 [REDACTED] on the walk-through day briefly, and then it
25 was reinforced and made very, very clear to me that

1 that was my job whenever I was in the SUV with [REDACTED]
2 and [REDACTED] at 17:52 hours.

3 That's when Special Agent [REDACTED] was very
4 specific on what my job was if something was to
5 happen.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay. Well, it's
7 almost my time, so we will go off the record.

8 (Recess was taken.)

9 [REDACTED]: We can go back on the
10 record.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q. [REDACTED], I understand that during the
13 planning phase after the meeting on July 8th with
14 Secret Service, I understand that you reached out
15 to Beaver County ESU for assistance; is that
16 accurate?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Whom did you contact?

19 A. I talked with Commander [REDACTED] and
20 Assistant Commander [REDACTED].

21 Q. Did you reach out to any other tactical
22 teams to request assistance following the meeting?

23 A. I did not.

24 Q. What did you request of [REDACTED] and

25 [REDACTED]?

1 A. I just asked them for additional support
2 with operators.

3 Q. At that point, were the specific
4 responsibilities of those operators made clear?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Was that informed by anything that Secret
7 Service specifically told you it needed or a
8 general direction that they needed CAT teams?

9 A. Yeah, I didn't give them any specific
10 information. I just asked them specifically for
11 additional operators. That's all.

12 Q. Returning to the Secret Service, as best
13 you can recall, did they give you anything along
14 the lines of a manpower request for assets from
15 Butler ESU?

16 A. No. Back -- let me back up.

17 Whenever I was asked to provide the CAT
18 teams, they did say six to eight ESU members for
19 each team. That was the only specific, I guess.

20 Q. In your experience, would something like a
21 manpower request from the Secret Service look like
22 a process involving a sheet of paper with a list of
23 assets, or is it that meeting where they tell you
24 what they need?

25 A. From my experience, it was just a verbal

1 request.

2 Q. Now, onto the briefing that you mentioned
3 on July 13. You mentioned after that briefing, you
4 forced a team lead meeting?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who attended that?

7 A. All the team leaders within the room. It
8 was Butler ESU, Washington County, and Beaver ESU.
9 All our team leaders.

10 Q. Is it fair to say that was an orientation
11 meeting for their responsibilities for the day?

12 A. It was just a final meeting to -- to force
13 each -- each -- each group to just let us know that
14 they understood exactly what was asked of them, and
15 if they had any additional questions, that was the
16 time to ask it.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q. Going back to communications that day.
19 Your responsibility with the Secret Service was to
20 serve as a type of liaison between the Secret
21 Service and Butler ESU; correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you understand that liaison role to be
24 with any other entities other than Butler ESU and
25 Secret Service?

1 A. No.

2 Q. As your role as a liaison there between
3 Secret Service and Butler ESU, were you
4 communicating information that the Secret Service
5 was providing you to Butler ESU?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you communicate on July 13th with
8 Secret Service in any form of communication other
9 than through the use of a phone?

10 A. I received the two phone calls from Special
11 Agent [REDACTED]. That was it.

12 Q. Okay. Did you receive any text messages
13 from Special Agent [REDACTED]?

14 A. No text messages, no.

15 Q. Did you receive any signal messages
16 between -- from Special Agent [REDACTED]?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. You mentioned your role as a liaison
19 between Secret Service and Butler ESU. Were you
20 aware of any other local law enforcement entities
21 that had a liaison-type role such as yourself with
22 the Secret Service?

23 A. No.

24 Q. In those calls with Special Agent [REDACTED], were
25 you using your work phone or your personal phone?

1 A. Personal phone.

2 Q. Can you describe the local command post for
3 us. I understand that there were Butler ESU
4 personnel in the local command post; is that
5 accurate?

6 A. The only description I could give you of
7 the command post was after I returned that night.
8 I was not in that command post once during the
9 entire rally.

10 Q. Did you have any contact with the Secret
11 Service command post after you engaged with Secret
12 Service when they arrived with the motorcade?

13 A. None.

14 Q. Do you recall any communications on radio
15 ops 4 that were discussing removing the candidate
16 from the stage?

17 A. None.

18 Q. At what point during the day of July 13th
19 were you relieved of your duties for Butler ESU and
20 your role as liaison for the Secret Service and
21 Butler ESU?

22 A. I was released at 03:30 hours.

23 Q. And after -- I understand that candidate --
24 Former President Trump, you know, he had left
25 sometime before then. Did you return to the

campaign rally site after Former President Trump departed from the airport?

A. Yeah. I -- I departed the Pittsburgh International Airport at 23:09 and I arrived back at the rally site at approximately midnight.

Q. Can you describe what happened at the time that you returned to the campaign rally site.

A. Specifically, I -- I went to my work vehicle. I -- I dropped off all my gear, reorganized some of my gear, and then I -- I joined Commander [REDACTED] and Deputy Commander [REDACTED] in the command post.

Q. And that command post was the local command post; correct?

A. For Butler, yes.

Q. Were there any other individuals there at that time?

A. There were. There were people in and out. Butler ESU members were getting interviewed by FBI, State Police. There was a lot going on. It was active.

Q. Uh-huh. Do you recall anyone other than local law enforcement that was at the local command post during that time? Was anyone brought there for questioning by the FBI or the Pennsylvania

1 State Police that wasn't a local law enforcement
2 entity?

3 A. Not that I'm aware of.

4 Q. All right. After July 13, have you
5 participated in any interviews with the FBI or
6 Secret Service?

7 A. I was interviewed briefly by two female
8 agents shortly after I returned to the rally site.
9 But it was just I -- it was very brief. It was
10 just my name, who I was with, and my title, I
11 believe. It was very, very quick.

12 Q. After that interaction, you've had no
13 further interviews with the FBI?

14 A. No. I -- oh, I had an interview with the
15 Pennsylvania State Police and the FBI at a later
16 time.

17 Q. Any interviews with the Secret Service?

18 A. None.

19 Q. Can you describe Butler ESU's, you know,
20 relationship with the Pennsylvania State Police
21 during that day, the exchange of their roles and
22 responsibilities.

23 A. From my understanding is we had two
24 separate assignments, two separate missions.
25 Pennsylvania State Police, separate from the

1 transportation motorcade from everything was --
2 their job was, it was told to us, that they were to
3 handle all civil disturbances, and that they were
4 responsible for perimeter, and that was it.

5 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q. [REDACTED], I would like to return again
8 to the beginning of the day during the time of the
9 briefings --

10 [REDACTED]: On July 13th.

11 Q. On July 13th. Did you have a meeting with
12 anyone in Secret Service before you posted for the
13 event?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Are you aware of any meeting between Secret
16 Service and any local law enforcement body that
17 day?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And moving on from the point of the day
20 when there were briefings, did -- and to the
21 questions earlier about communications offered to
22 Secret Service, do you know who offered those
23 additional means of communication to Secret
24 Service?

25 A. It was -- I believe it was Team Leader

1 [REDACTED]. Sniper Team Leader [REDACTED]. And he was in
2 communication with somebody from the Secret
3 Service. I can't remember his name.

4 Q. Do you know whether this offer was accepted
5 or declined?

6 A. At the time I didn't know it. Later I was
7 told it was declined.

8 Q. And to make sure I'm covering all my bases,
9 did anyone speak with or explain for you at any
10 point on what communications would look like with
11 the Secret Service for anyone besides yourself?

12 A. No.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q. I know that you'd mentioned the water tower
15 earlier as a source of concern.

16 A. (Witness nods).

17 Q. And you were told that it was covered. Do
18 you recall who told you that the water tower was
19 covered?

20 A. Yeah. It was Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He was
21 with the Butler County ESU's sniper team and also
22 with Butler Township Police.

23 Q. Did you hear reports of any suspicious
24 activity around the water tower at any point on
25 July 13th?

1 A. No, I didn't receive any.

2 Q. Did you have any other areas of concern for
3 the July 13th campaign rally site?

4 A. Other than I've already stated?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. No.

7 [REDACTED]: We can go off the record.

8 (Discussion was held off the record.)

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q. [REDACTED], if you wouldn't mind just one
11 quick point of clarification.

12 To your knowledge, the individual from
13 Butler ESU that made the offer to the Secret
14 Service for radios was Officer [REDACTED]?

15 A. I believe it was Officer [REDACTED], yes.

16 Q. Do you know of anyone else that made an
17 offer of radios that day?

18 A. Commander [REDACTED].

19 Q. Commander [REDACTED] did make an offer --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- as well?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So Officer [REDACTED] to the snipers made the
24 offer, Commander [REDACTED]. Do you know who that offer
25 was made to? Or, I'm sorry, the counter snipers

1 but --

2 A. I don't know who specifically, but I know
3 that it was somebody that was within the command
4 post with the Secret Service.

5 Q. And would you mind just articulating
6 exactly what Special Agent [REDACTED] told you was your
7 mission once you connected with him.

8 A. He -- he told me the reason I was there was
9 to communicate between him, the Secret Service, and
10 then my command with Commander [REDACTED] from Butler
11 ESU. And what he needed from me was to -- in the
12 event that there was any type of an attack on the
13 candidate, it was my responsibility to communicate
14 through Butler ESU, coordinating with the Secret
15 Service using a CAT team to evacuate the rally site
16 and the candidate from the rally site.

17 Q. Would you mind turning to Page 17 in
18 Majority Exhibit 2. This is the command and
19 control for the event on the 13th. Could you
20 please just walk me through who these individuals
21 are and exactly what their roles for that day were.

22 A. All right. So -- okay. So you got the
23 Butler Police OPS 4, that was our channel. Overall
24 command was Lieutenant [REDACTED]. That's Pennsylvania
25 State Police.

1 Q. What does that mean, "overall command"?

2 A. Overall command is, the way I understand
3 it, was that was Pennsylvania State Police, they
4 had the majority of that jurisdiction of that Farm
5 Show. So that the jurisdictional command went to
6 the Pennsylvania State Police, and Lieutenant
7 [REDACTED] was designated as that -- that -- with that
8 role and that responsibility.

9 Q. Okay. So, by "overall command," it means
10 jurisdictional -- they have jurisdiction over it.
11 But with the day-to-day decisions, if the QRF
12 needed to be deployed, if the CAT team was going to
13 be deployed --

14 A. No.

15 Q. -- he would not have made -- been in that
16 command?

17 A. No, he would not.

18 Q. Was he in any way, shape, or form a liaison
19 between Butler ESU and the Secret Service?

20 A. Never that I was aware of, no.

21 Q. Basically just had command over the
22 jurisdiction. So was the idea that you were going
23 to keep him apprised of everything going on, or
24 was he the point of contact if there were any
25 issues in that --

1 A. From my understanding, he -- Lieutenant
2 [REDACTED] and the Pennsylvania State Police, their
3 role was they were to handle any and all civil
4 disturbances within that venue and surrounding the
5 venue. That was their jurisdiction and that was
6 their responsibility.

7 As far as communicating with Butler ESU
8 or asking us to move or mobilize, that would have
9 never come from Lieutenant [REDACTED].

10 Q. Understood. Okay. Sorry. Please
11 continue.

12 A. Yeah. So Butler Township, Lieutenant
13 [REDACTED], again, they had -- Pennsylvania State
14 Police and Butler Township, I'm sure you already
15 heard this, had shared jurisdiction over the rally
16 site. It's split somehow, some way, and Butler
17 Township, from what I understand, was to provide I
18 don't want to say just traffic control, but their
19 roles and responsibilities were traffic posts
20 surrounding the venue site, the rally site.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Sergeant [REDACTED], what his job was that day,
23 I can't tell you. Same with Sergeant [REDACTED]. I
24 don't know either one of them. I didn't see either
25 one of them that day.

1 So Team 400 Command: [REDACTED], that C-1,
2 that's Charlie 1, he is the commander of Butler
3 ESU. And then underneath, you have "Tac Op." --
4 that's tac operational command -- [REDACTED] C-2, and
5 then it goes down to Deputy [REDACTED], Alpha Squad
6 Leader [REDACTED], and Bravo Squad Leader [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED].

8 Q. Okay. Thank you.

9 So my guess on Tac Op. command is that
10 you were basically second over both the QRF and the
11 counter assault team?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So when you left to meet up with the Secret
16 Service at approximately 17:54, who took that role?

17 A. Squad Leaders -- Alpha Squad Leader [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] and then Bravo Squad Leader [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

19 Q. Understood. Thank you.

20 Now, moving on to just generally kind of
21 what are your reflections of the event. Since it's
22 happened on the 13th, what have you been thinking?

23 A. Since?

24 Q. Uh-huh.

25 A. Well, a lot. Like, there hasn't been too

1 much of a break from it all. It seems like I can't
2 go more than two days without having to talk about
3 it.

4 Q. Uh-huh.

5 A. There's a lot of questions that still
6 haven't been answered that I feel, like, we have
7 the answers to. That's frustrating. And --

8 Q. What kinds of questions?

9 A. Just communication questions and who was
10 responsible for what. It just -- my opinion, I
11 mean, we've had those answers from the -- from the
12 day of the event. For some reason that hasn't been
13 communicated to anybody else. That's why we're
14 here. I understand that.

15 [REDACTED]: Is there --

16 You know what? Before I get to the
17 final questions, I'm going to turn it over to my
18 colleague and any questions that you have.

19 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q. Just a few, like, quick-hitters. It will
22 be pretty micro, but I want to fill in some gaps
23 that I have.

24 So, you said you did the 2020 event and
25 you were in the Secret Service command post; is

1 that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How many people were in there for that?

4 Estimate is fine.

5 A. A dozen.

6 Q. Okay. Were there Secret Service leadership
7 represented there?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Folks who would reach out to the detail?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Local law enforcement was there?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. People listening to local law enforcement
14 radio?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. If I were to make sort of an equation
17 between that command post, if it were kind of
18 applied as a template to this event, there would be
19 someone listening to ops 3?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Ops 4?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Secret Service?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So if someone says, "Ops 3, someone's on

1 the roof," that person who is at that command post
2 listening to ops 3 kind of can turn around and say,
3 "Hey, Secret Service, someone's on the roof;"
4 right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You can kind of have that coordination?

7 A. (Witness nods).

8 Q. In your experience -- and is that a yes?

9 Sorry.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. My apologies.

12 And in your experience as a law
13 enforcement officer and the military, that's why
14 unified command is so important?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How would you compare the Secret Service
17 approach to that event versus this event?

18 A. There's almost no comparison. Very, very
19 little was asked of us in 2020. They had
20 everything covered, and it was -- it was just very
21 obvious by the -- by the equipment and the manpower
22 that they -- that they brought for that event.
23 There was -- there was no comparison.

24 Q. Much more organized?

25 A. Much more organized.

1 Q. More squared away?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. I want to shift a bit. I told you I will
4 be a little more whack-a-mole here. But, you know,
5 in your role as a lieutenant in Zeliapoli
6 (phonetic)?

7 A. Zelienople.

8 Q. Zelienople. We will get there -- and
9 deputy commander at Butler, you see a lot of
10 folks --

11 Let me ask you this. For operators, how
12 often do you guys have to buy your own gear out of
13 your personal money?

14 A. Almost always.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. So that means buying your own weapons
18 platforms?

19 A. We buy our own weapons, yes.

20 Q. So, are you reimbursed for that?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. Does that -- have you ever had any
23 issue, either in the Zelienople or your Butler
24 side, where, you know, somebody maybe wants to be a
25 sniper, an operator, can't afford to pay for that

1 and, therefore, doesn't volunteer for that duty?

2 A. I'm sure it's happened, yeah. I'm sure it
3 prevented a few.

4 Q. Understood.

5 I'm going to shift a little bit forward
6 to this -- the discussion with Patrolman [REDACTED] and
7 the water tower and AGR, is that all from that July
8 11th morning meeting?

9 A. The walk-through, yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Can you just expound a little. So who is
13 he -- are you --

14 First of all, were you there when he
15 expresses concern about the AGR security area?

16 A. I was not there when he expressed any
17 concern for AGR. I can't talk about that. But
18 I -- you want me to talk about the conversation I
19 had with him?

20 Q. Is that where you're getting it, from him
21 saying he had these conversations? Like, how do
22 you know that he expressed concern about the area
23 around AGR?

24 A. I'm not saying I -- I expressed concern --
25 there was a group of us. I was off to the side

1 talking to Officer [REDACTED].

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. I said, "Who has the water tower?" or --
4 how I said it, I said, "Who has the water tower?"
5 or "Who's going to be in the water tower?"
6 assuming that's going to be covered. He goes to
7 me, he goes, "That's covered." I'm like, "Okay."

8 And then he went on briefly to explain
9 that it was going to be covered by uniformed
10 officers and patrol units.

11 Q. From which agency?

12 A. He didn't say specifically.

13 Q. Did you understand or you were just, like,
14 you understood someone has it?

15 A. Just stayed in my lane and I let him do --
16 do the job.

17 Q. Okay. So he said says, someone has the
18 water tower?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. What about security around the AGR
21 perimeter that --

22 A. I was told that that was going to be
23 covered by the Pennsylvania State Police and the
24 Butler County Sheriffs.

25 Q. Who said that?

1 A. [REDACTED] told me that.

2 Q. Same time, at that 11th meeting?

3 A. Same conversation.

4 Q. So basically -- and did you bring up that
5 concern or he brought up that concern?

6 A. I brought up the concern of the fence lines
7 and where the perimeter was, and I was just assured
8 it was covered by uniformed officers.

9 Q. Okay. So pretty much your conduit for all
10 information about who's covering AGR, water tower,
11 that whole area, is from [REDACTED] saying, it's
12 covered, don't worry?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Do you now have any idea where he
15 got that information from?

16 A. I know --

17 Q. I don't want you to guess.

18 A. I'm not guessing. I know prior to that
19 walk-through, he already visited that area with
20 other officers and ESU members from -- and they --
21 they did a walk-through. I knew a walk-through of
22 that area was already conducted prior to that day.

23 Q. So presumably you're thinking at some point
24 someone has told him that area's covered, good to
25 go?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. That kind of leaves your mind at that point
3 because he had said that?

4 A. Absolutely. Yes.

5 Q. July 13th, you have the meeting in the
6 morning. [REDACTED] gave the brief?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And you have a separate meeting
9 afterwards with all the team leaders. That's
10 snipers, CAT, QRF, all of the team leaders; right?

11 A. All the team leaders and including tactical
12 medicine too.

13 Q. Okay. And you said the point was to force
14 each group to kind of understand their role?

15 A. It's a tactic that I've always -- well,
16 that I've used for a very long time specifically,
17 and it -- it's a way for me to cover an officer
18 involved that would later say that he didn't
19 understand his role or responsibility.

20 So I force that -- that additional and
21 final face to face like, "Hey, do you understand
22 what your job is and what you're supposed to do?"
23 And that's -- that's why I use that tactic.

24 Q. Got it. Because it seems like you very
25 purposefully used the "force" word. That's based

on prior experience or is it based on reflections or things from this event?

A. It's just -- no, that's -- that's just something I've used just from my prior experience of miscommunication in the past.

Q. Understood.

My colleague asked you about the radios offered to Secret Service by [REDACTED]; they didn't take them. Do you know when that happened?

A. I believe it was the morning of.

Q. Morning of the 13th?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know why that happened, why Secret Service didn't take them? Again, I'm not asking you to speculate. Just if you know, [REDACTED] told you. That kind of thing.

A. Why? I know -- I know they had it in a brief. I don't know if that was shared with you. Give me a sec.

Q. For what it's worth, on that same question is about the [REDACTED], you know, when that meeting happened, why they didn't take it.

A. This -- I have a copy of the Secret Service sniper team -- or however they identify themselves -- shared a -- their operational brief

with [REDACTED] and it -- -- it says right here, and this is their -- their document, it says, sniper teams will be issued Butler County radios.

[REDACTED]: I'm sorry. For the record, what is this document?

THE WITNESS: This a copy of the operational plan from Secret Service Sniper [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]: And when was this document sent to Butler ESU?

THE WITNESS: It was e-mailed. I just don't know when.

[REDACTED]: We can -- is there any problem you or your counsel have with us taking a picture of that? We can append this to the record as an exhibit now.

[REDACTED]: That makes sense.

[REDACTED]: That would be Minority Exhibit A.

[REDACTED]: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Let's go off the record for a moment.

[REDACTED]: Off the record at 17:50.

(Discussion was held off the record.)

[REDACTED]: To memorialize on the

record, a discussion was had. We are no longer going to have a Minority Exhibit A.

The document that is currently being discussed is a Secret Service document that was sent to Butler ESU it looks like on 7/12. We don't have a time stamp for it. And in that document from the United States Secret Service, it indicates that part of their logistical plan included radios from Beaver County.

THE WITNESS: Butler County. Does it say Butler? It should say Butler.

[REDACTED]: It should say Butler.

[REDACTED]: Excuse me. Sniper teams will be issued a Butler County radio.

Any other information that you would like to put on the record, Lieutenant?

[REDACTED]: Off the record for a second.

[REDACTED]: Off the record.

(Discussion was held off the record.)

[REDACTED]: Okay. This is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] speaking on behalf of the officer. There was a discussion of material that was provided to Butler ESU from Secret Service, an actual Secret Service document referencing that radios would be

provided to the Secret Service by Butler.

There was some discussion off the record from -- or there was some discussion about providing this particular information. I indicated that I would consult with the primary attorney, which is [REDACTED], who is presently here, before we would provide that information. But I'm not ruling out providing that information, I just have to consult with the primary attorney in the case.

BY [REDACTED]:

Q. All right. So let's -- let me quickly ask you about the radios, and unless your counsel's objection, you can reference the document.

[REDACTED]: Is that fine for these questions?

[REDACTED] Yes.

Q. Do you have a notion of why Secret Service didn't take [REDACTED] up on the offer of the radios?

A. No.

Q. Okay. And you also mentioned Commander [REDACTED] offered them the radios, and you said it was at the USS Secret Service command post. Do you know when that offer happened?

A. It was -- it was in the morning of the --

1 the morning of the event on the 13th.

2 Q. Do you know why they turned down those
3 radios?

4 A. No, I don't know.

5 Q. To your knowledge, was Secret Service ever
6 listening in to any local radio?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Do you know if they had the capability on
9 their equipment to listen in to local radio?

10 A. No.

11 Q. As in you don't know or they did not have
12 that capability?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. Okay. I want to talk about this period
15 where you're in an SUV. I think these are -- this
16 is my last, sort of, question.

17 So the period when you were in the SUV
18 between 17:52 to like 17:57, 18:00 -- is that about
19 right when you're in the SUV?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. At that point, you have heard the reports
22 on ops 4 about kind of a suspicious individual
23 around the AGR complex?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. And you're discussing that -- when

1 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] come back into the SUV, you kind of
2 brief them, hey, this is what's going on?

3 A. Yes. But I -- again, I started from events
4 of the entire day, which was medical issues we had,
5 other suspicious reports we had, we had a missing
6 child at some point prior to that.

7 I just -- I gave them a brief overview
8 on the events of the day up until that point.

9 Q. Got it. Because is it fair to say at that
10 point --

11 [REDACTED]: Do you have something?

12 [REDACTED]: Just to clarify, you
13 gave this to them prior to getting into the SUV?
14 That conversation happened prior to you getting in
15 the SUV?

16 THE WITNESS: No. That conversation
17 happened when I was in the rear of the SUV, they
18 were in the front. Yes.

19 [REDACTED]: Right. Thank you. My
20 apologies.

21 THE WITNESS: No, you're fine.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q. And is it fair to say at this point, prior
24 to 18:00, you don't have knowledge that Crooks is
25 on the roof?

1 A. I have no knowledge.

2 Q. You do have knowledge he had a rangefinder?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And at this point, you just sort of, hey,
5 this is a suspicious, strange thing, one of many
6 that day?

7 A. Yes.

8 [REDACTED]: Okay. I don't think I
9 have anything else. Thank you, Lieutenant.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q. Do you have any recommendations moving
13 forward to make sure that something like this never
14 happens again?

15 A. Unified command, simply.

16 Q. Any other recommendations?

17 A. (Witness shook head).

18 Q. Any other reflections that you would like
19 to share?

20 A. No.

21 [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you for
22 your time today.

23 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

24 [REDACTED]: Majority, do you have
25 any questions?

1 [REDACTED]: No further questions for the
2 Majority.

3 [REDACTED]: We can go off the
4 record. Thank you.

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6 (Witness excused.)

7 (Interview concluded at 5:57
8 o'clock p.m.)

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